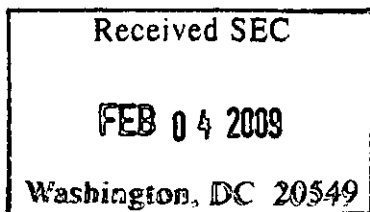




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Dear Ms. Smith:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., 7.50% Notes due 2019 and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on January 30, 2009. Tentative listing date - February 6, 2009.

Sincerely,

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